

## MARK YOUR CALENDAR

### Orientation

If you have not attended orientation, please join us at 400 N. Jefferson Davis Parkway from **9:00 -10:30 am on May 16th**

**Girls on the Run First Aid Station**  
**May 9th**  
**7:30am-10:30am**

**Homebound Evacuation Exercise**  
**May 15th**  
**8:30am-11:00am**

**UPT Exercise**  
**May 28th**

**Hurricane Season Training**  
**May 30th**  
**9:00am-12:00pm**

See rear for more details on these events and upcoming outreach events!



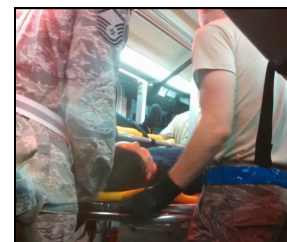
**NEW ORLEANS**

# Newsletter

MAY 2015

## Preparing for Hurricane Season: Exercises

**Exercises** test emergency plans in a hypothetical situation and are an important way to ensure that involved agencies can fulfill their roles and responsibilities. On Saturday, April 18th, the LA Department of Health & Hospitals and LA National Guard conducted a Medical Institution Evacuation Plan (MIEP) exercise to practice evacuating hospitalized patients by air. 5 MRC members pretended to be patients and were triaged, placed on buses, and loaded onto a C-130 plane!



If you want to participate in an exercise, here are 2 upcoming opportunities:

1. The New Orleans Health Department is exercising its call **center on May 15, 8:30am-11:00am**. This call center coordinates homebound evacuation of special needs individuals during a mandatory evacuation. Volunteers are needed to call in and pretend to be individuals in need of help. You can call from wherever you are and whenever you are free between 9 and 11am.
2. The LA Department of Health & Hospitals and New Orleans EMS is exercising **triage for City-Assisted Evacuation users on the morning of May 28** in the Union Passenger Terminal (1001 Loyola Avenue, NOLA 70113). 20 volunteers are needed to act as players and be triaged. Sign up by emailing [bdpatel@nola.gov](mailto:bdpatel@nola.gov).

## NOMRC Wins National Award!

The NOMRC won a 2015 MRC recognition award for Picture of the Year! The winning picture shows a MRC volunteer helping EMS lift and transport a patient on Bourbon Street. Special thanks to Kaushal Chaudhari for capturing this moment.



Photographer: Kaushal Chaudhari

**We are always looking for more NOMRC members. Do you have any friends who would be interested? Please have them attend orientation on May 16th!**

# 612.5 Hours

Volunteered by NOMRC members in 2015

# 27.5 Hours

Volunteered in April

## UPCOMING EVENTS

### Girls on the Run First Aid Station

**Saturday, May 9, 2015 7:30-10:30am**

The NOMRC will operate a first aid station at the Girls on the Run 5K in City Park.

### Dia de la Mujer Latina

**Saturday, May 9, 2015 12:00-2:30pm**

Table with the NOMRC and educate Latino families about hurricane preparedness. Spanish speakers needed!

### Homebound Evacuation Exercise

**Friday, May 15, 2015 8:30-11:00am**

Volunteers are needed to call into the Health Department call center and act as individuals who need evacuation help.

### Union Passenger Terminal Exercise

**Thursday, May 28, 2015 (Time TBD)**

Volunteers are needed on May 28th morning to act as exercise players and be triaged in the UPT.

### Hurricane Season Training

**Saturday, May 30, 2015 9:00am-12:00pm**

**400 N Jefferson Davis Pkwy**

Annual hurricane season kick off to go over basics of hurricane response and NOMRC's role.

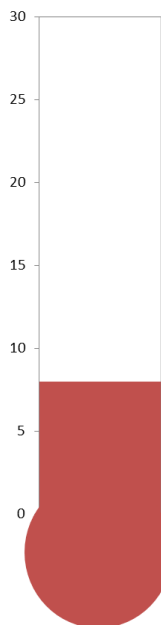
**To sign up for any of these events, contact Bijal at [bdpatel@nola.gov](mailto:bdpatel@nola.gov) or (504) 658-2525.**

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New NOMRC  
Members in  
2015



## Outreach Season Begins

Hurricane Season is only one month away, the best way you can prepare the New Orleans community is through outreach and education! The NOMRC won a 2015 MRC Challenge Award of \$15,000 to continue conducting outreach to vulnerable populations in the parish. **If you want to teach hurricane preparedness to those who need it the most, come to the Hurricane Season Training on May 30th to learn the basics of outreach and Special Needs Registry.** We encourage all members to help out with our outreach at living facilities, community meetings, and local fairs!



**NOMRC members leading outreach in 2014**

**SAVE  
THE  
DATE**

**Steering Committee Members! The Steering Committee will meet on **Wednesday, June 24th at 5:00pm** to discuss MRC member recruitment and retention.**

We want to send a huge MRC welcome to three new members, **Dean Felch, Juliette Frazier, and Robin Ulep!** Dean, Juliette, and Robin add a range of skills and experience to our MRC unit. We are excited for them to join our team!

**NEW  
MEMBER**

**WELCOME!**